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Appropriations Committee

300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Members of the Appropriations Committee,

I am writing to you on behalf of the CommPACT Community Schools Collaborative and their work at West Side Middle School. I would first like to say that this is not just a program, but for many of us, a way of life. Not just an idea, but a true belief that all stakeholders (parents, students, admin and teachers) of our school community have and hold true value. A belief that no one part can be successful without the other. I can say today, that we at West Side Middle School, value this belief.

Instead of stating the reasons why I believe you should consider continuing to fund the CommPACT Community Schools Collab, I am going to share with you some examples of what we, at West Side will be losing if funding is lost:

- Continued support in obtaining outside resources for parents, students and staff
- Continued support in implementing the Parent Teacher Home Visit Project
- Additional Community Schools training for parents and staff.
- Important evening workshops that help to support the family as a whole, ie; financial workshops, fatherhood programs, couponing classes, special education workshops, etc.
- Continued support and direction with the C3 project (Community Career Connections; exposing students, 6th-8th grade, to possible career opportunities that they otherwise may have not considered, parents also participate in this process)
- Continued support of the Parent Resource Center (parental use of computers: to search for employment, to complete college assignments, to check students progress, printer use, community information and resources, open during evening hours upon parent request)
- Continued support of the Parent and Community Leadership Conference in Waterbury, 3rd Annual being held this May 26, 2017.

I hope that you can see how important this work of the CommPACT Community Schools Collab means to our families at West Side Middle School. Please continue to fight for CommPACT and the good work that they have started and continue to maintain.

Sincerely,

Grisell Myers
Parent Liaison
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